

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS**

**MAYOR:** Tonita Gurulé-Girón (**ABSENT**)

**COUNCILORS:** David G. Romero  
Barbara A. Casey  
Vincent Howell  
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager  
Danielle Sena, Recorder  
Esther Garduno Montoya, City Attorney  
David T. Bibb III, Chief of Police

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Howell called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Howell asked for a moment of silence to pray for our community and to make it better and more gentle and that they have hopes and dreams for the community and want to make it a reality.

Mayor Pro Tem Howell advised before they moved forward on approving the agenda he needed to read a document that was given to him by Ann Marie Gallegos, City Manager dated January 8, 2020.

Mayor Pro Tem Howell advised the letter is addressed to the Governing Body and stated, "Dear Councilors, After much deliberation, I have decided to resign from my position of Mayor of the City of Las Vegas, effective as of 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2020. I have been charged with offenses in a criminal complaint. While I have pleaded not guilty to those charges, I believe it is in the best interest of the citizens of Las Vegas, and, most importantly, my family, for me to resign from my position. Those who know me personally know that I am a fighter. However, I believe the citizens of Las Vegas deserve to have city government operate without distractions that undoubtedly will ensue if I remain in office for the last two months of my term. I especially want to spare my family and children the pain of the inevitable media frenzy that would accompany my continued service in my position. It has been my privilege to serve as Mayor. I thank the citizens of Las Vegas for granting me the honor of serving them. Sincerely, Tonita Gurulé-Girón, Mayor."

Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos thanked Mayor Pro Tem Howell and continued on to the next item on the agenda.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr., seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Howell asked for a roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Barabara Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised one person had signed in and one person wanted to sign in but both were after the deadline and therefore there was no public input.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Resolution 20-01 Open Meetings Resolution.



Deputy Clerk Danielle Sena advised she was seeking approval for resolution 20-01 open meetings resolution that establishes reasonable notice of Council meetings in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and is required annually.

Councilor Casey asked if the resolution was done last year in January or in March when there is an Election.

Deputy Clerk Sena advised it was done in January during the regular council meeting.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

2. Resolution No. 20-02 repealing and replacing all previous resolutions and adopting an updated Meadow City Express Zero Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy.

Transportation Manager Darlene Arguello advised Safety Officer Adrian Jaramillo and herself were there to present the updated Meadow City Express Zero Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Policy.

Transportation Manager Arguello advised the policy is not a new policy but is a federal transit administration policy that is required for the Meadow City Express and is separate from the City's Drug and Alcohol Policy.

Transportation Manager Arguello advised they had an FTA audit and it was a finding to have an updated template.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised it was a format change.

Transportation Manager Arguello advised everyone in the State of New Mexico who has federal transit has a different template so they had to use the same one.

Councilor Casey thanked Transportation Manager Arguello and Safety Officer Jaramillo for the work they did on updating all the policies for the transportation services and have done a great job bringing everything up to date.

Mayor Pro Tem Howell asked for an example of zero tolerance.

Transportation Manager Arguello advised zero tolerance is no second chance, if someone is positive for any drug or alcohol they are out.

Mayor Pro Tem Howell asked if that pertained to drivers and also customers.

Transportation Manager Arguello advised no, the policy is just for employees.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Out of state travel to Westminster, Colorado.

Police Chief David T. Bibb III advised he was seeking approval for one officer to travel to Westminster, Colorado to gain certification as a defensive tactics instructor.

Police Chief Bibb advised there were officers that moved to other agencies which created a need for a new defensive tactics instructor.

Mayor Pro Tem Howell asked when the training was.

Police Chief Bibb advised April 5-10.

Councilor Casey asked what officer would be going.

Police Chief Bibb advised Officer Antonio Salazar.

Mayor Pro Tem Howell asked how the training was paid for and if it was budgeted for this year.

Police Chief Bibb advised out of the Police Department budget and yes it was budgeted.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

4. The Las Vegas City Police Department is requesting approval to accept funding in the amount of \$22,420.00 from the New Mexico Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety Bureau.



Police Chief David T. Bibb III advised he was seeking approval to accept funding in the amount of \$22,420.00 from the New Mexico Traffic Safety Bureau, which would fund efforts such as operation buckle up and operation DWI checkpoints.

Mayor Pro Tem Howell asked if it included equipment.

Police Chief Bibb advised no, that it is strictly to fund the overtime projects.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilor Howell made a motion to convene into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978 and also for the purpose of discussing matters subject to the attorney client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the City of Las Vegas is or may become a participant, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Howell asked for a roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Casey made a motion to reconvene into regular session after being in Executive session to discuss personnel matters, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, and also for the purpose of discussing matters subject to the attorney client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the City of Las Vegas is or may become a participant, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978 and advised no action was taken and no decisions were made. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr., seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Howell asked for a roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
David G. Romero	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Romero advised they had asked for an agenda item for Friday but based on the circumstances that presented themselves tonight did not think they would need the meeting on Friday.

Mayor Pro Tem Howell advised they would give direction to the Interim City Manager Gallegos to cancel the meeting for Friday.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised she would cancel the meeting.

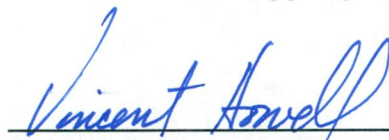
### **ADJOURN**

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr., made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Howell asked for a roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

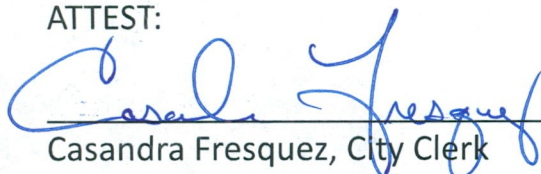
Vincent Howell	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Howell asked for everyone to keep the Mayor in our prayers as this will be a struggling time for her.

  
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Vincent Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk